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I am asking that you vote to end the requirement for career long supervision.

I have been an LPA in NC since 1992/1993. I originally worked for a state agency (then called the DEC's and now CDSA). My agency contracted with a PhD psychologist for my supervision, but she did not have experience with evaluations for preschoolers. We spent our supervision time talking about various issues but she admitted that I could likely get better feedback from others.

Our population was specialized, and there were not any PhDs that we could find that could offer anything more than I could get informally from peers - other LPAs within my own agency and sister DEC's. We established discipline meetings and after several face to face meetings (and once we all had computer access) were able to reach out whenever we had discipline specific questions.

So while we met the letter of the law, I remember feeling like the supervision requirement was a waste of agency time and funds - our taxpayer money. LPAs know their ethics and know when there is something that is a question, that it is essential to seek out appropriate resources.

We had informal peer supervision that was very effective, and formal supervision contracts to be in compliance.

Since leaving state employment, I homeschooled my own children for a number of years and then began doing achievement testing for other homeschoolers. I am limited in what I can provide, due to the current law.

I know that I have a unique combination of psychological training, experience and knowledge of homeschooling methods and curriculum. If I did not have career long supervision requirements, there would be so much more that I could offer families. Instead, I have to refer them out and they end up getting fractured information from other professionals. They frequently would tell me that other therapists just don't understand homeschooling.

As most homeschoolers are on limited budgets, they often do not seek out further psychological counseling from others. I could do so much more for them, if the career long supervision requirement is ended.

Please vote to give our families in North Carolina more options. It would help them and it would enable myself and others the opportunity to compete with disciplines like LPCs or SW who also have masters level training and can practice independently.

Thank you.

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